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## Lord Archer backs library campaigners

BY CARL MUNGABI

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CAMPAIGNERS battling the closure of Wigmore library have received a major boost after a top author and former politician backed their fight.

Lord Jeffrey Archer, former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, said libraries were an 'important and useful resource for the community' after being contacted by residents battling to save Wigmore Library from being closed.

Already more than 10,000 people have signed a petition protesting at the proposal.

Last week Luton Culture announced it was consulting with staff over plans to permanently shut Wigmore library and Sundon Park library, as well as ending the mobile service.

A final decision will be made once the organisation has done the consultation and considered petitions against the closure.

It also said it was looking at its 'preferred option' of shutting both libraries and the mobile service as it was the most financially viable option.



UNDER THREAT: Wigmore Library served 72,000 people last year

with the campaign to stop the closure of Wigmore Library, and hopes Luton council will take on board their concerns."

Ms Steinberg said: "What upsets me is that most of the thousands of people I spoke to were not aware of the consultation about the library service. I am pleased with Lord Archer's response because even in this digital age it's important for libraries to still be open."

Luton council said it was supporting Luton Culture's 'preferred option' as it would still give a 'comprehensive libraries service with six static libraries, additional library access points across the town and 86.6 per cent of residents living within one mile of a library (current coverage is 88 per cent)'.

A spokesman added: "However, as petitions are an important part of the democratic process we have requested that, prior to a final decision being made, Luton Culture consider these and any other detailed suggestions put forward which could improve the current proposal and coverage despite the reduction in funding."

A spokeswoman for Lord Archer said: "Jeffrey believes libraries provide an important and useful resource for the community, despite the increasingly digital age we live in. He congratulates all those involved

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SEASIDE: More than 30 tonnes of sand was used to transform St George's Square into a beach for the weekend. Pics by ATP Media

The weekend the seaside came to town

IF you ventured into Luton last week, you would have been forgiven for thinking that you had taken a wrong turning – as St George's Square had been turned into a beach.

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Love Luton's Summer in the Sun event, which had a seaside theme. There were buckets and spades galore, as well as entertainment in the form of Punch and Judy, magic shows and the best local bands.

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# MPs vote 'no' on UK involvement in Syria

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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LUTON'S MPs have rejected possible military action in Syria by the UK following a House of Commons vote.

Gavin Shuker and Kelvin Hopkins were among 285 MPs who voted against the government's motion on possible military action in Syria following allegations of a chemical weapons attack by President Bashar al-Assad's forces.

Mr Shuker, MP for Luton South, said he was 'deeply sceptical' of Prime Minister David Cameron's proposals whilst Mr Hopkins, MP for Luton North, said the UK should be 'trying to secure a negotiated solution' to the on-going violence in the Middle East.

After the vote, in which only 272 MPs backed any possibility of military action, Mr Cameron said he would 'respect' the decision of Parliament and that 'the government will act accordingly'.

Mr Hopkins said: "The House of Commons made the right decision in the vote on Syria reflecting the views of a large majority of the British people."

"I was opposed to intervention in Syria, which I believe would simply make the bloodshed worse and could have incalculable consequences for the



OPPOSED TO MILITARY ACTION: Gavin Shuker MP and Kelvin Hopkins MP

## Middle East.

"It is a terrible and bloody civil war but we should be trying to secure a negotiated solution and looking after the desperate refugees should be a first priority."

Mr Shuker said: "I remain deeply sceptical that military action, as proposed by David Cameron, could have any beneficial effect to protect the Syrian people, or in the wider region."

"That's why I'm opposed to this action in Syria."

Following the vote, a Syrian lecturer from the University of Bedfordshire said the UK needed to intervene as it 'may be the only option'.

Dr Abdulmaten Taroun, a senior Lecturer in Business Systems, said: "Syrians are left with two choices: to be killed by Assad forces or to accept external intervention against his forces."

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## FUNDING FAIR ON NEXT MONTH

SOME of the UK's most prominent funders are set to attend a funding fair in the town next month.

The event is being held on September 18 for those working in, or with close ties to the voluntary sector.

It takes place at Futures House in Marsh Farm from 10.30am-4pm and will provide opportunities for support and advice.

Throughout the day there will be a number of workshops led by funders including the BIG Lottery Fund and the Charity Bank.

To book your place email [events@voluntaryworks.org](mailto:events@voluntaryworks.org) or call 01582 546271.

## AMBULANCE JOBS THREAT

EAST of England Ambulance Service (EEAS) Trust bosses say they may be forced to make

redundancies. The Trust is looking to reduce backroom staff and private ambulances to save £20m, with the money being invested in ambulances and paramedics.

The consultation period is due to start, with a decision about redundancies being made by November. Interim chief executive Andrew Morgan said: "We are trying to move money from support functions to direct frontline patient care."

## STUDENTS GET TV LICENCE INFO

INFORMATION on TV licensing has been sent out to students as the new academic year is set to begin.

Packs have been delivered to the town's university students to ensure they understand the law around watching TV.

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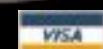
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# Revolvers and AK47s found in haul of guns

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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POLICE have vowed to 'ruthlessly pursue' criminals after putting on display a haul of 16 firearms and ammunition recovered in two raids.

An array of weapons including five revolvers, an air pistol, three AK47s, four rifles, three air rifles and ammunition were seized in raids on two homes on Thursday, August 22.

The first warrant was carried out at an address in Plaisters Way, Dunstable, where a 52-year-old woman was apprehended and the second at an address in Arundel Road, Luton where two juveniles were taken in by officers.

All three people arrested on suspicion of 'bringing an imitation firearm into the UK' and bailed.

Specialist firearms officers and an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit attended the scene to ensure all the weapons were safe before they were seized for further forensic tests and to clarify if they are illegally held.

They will now be tested to establish whether they are replicas or decommissioned pieces.

Chief Superintendent Mark Turner said: "We take firearm-related crime extremely seriously and will not



You can see more pictures of the haul of weapons at [www.luton-dunstable.co.uk](http://www.luton-dunstable.co.uk)

tolerate guns in our towns.

"We continue to ruthlessly pursue criminals who choose to arm themselves in furtherance of criminality and will take every measure that we can to ensure that they are locked up.

"Since spring the number of gun-related incidents has dropped dramatically but Bedfordshire Police is not resting on its laurels. We continue to work with partners and the com-

munity to educate and inform about the threat that gun crime brings.

"We've had an extremely positive response from the public with almost 300 pieces of intelligence being submitted but I'd continue to urge anyone with information to get in touch."

Supt Turner also urged more people to come forward and make statements about what they have 'witnessed and experienced'.

## Staff mark 468 years of service

LONG-SERVING staff at Luton Hoo have been recognised at a special event.

The Long Service Awards were held recently for staff with over five years of service.

It saw 70 of the hotel's staff receiving awards, adding up to a staggering 468 years of service between them.

Matthew Long, general manager at the hotel, said: "Our annual Long Service Awards celebrates the commitment and loyalty of our staff, who become well known to our regular guests. We are very proud of the longevity of service achieved by staff here and a happy team is fundamental to our ethos."



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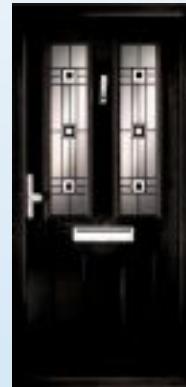
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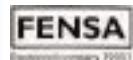


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# Regulars fight to protect their pub

BY LAUREN ARCHELL  
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A PETITION has been started to save a popular family-run pub which is at risk of being turned into blocks of flats.

A planning application has been submitted to demolish The Melson Arms public house in John Street, Luton, to the surprise of its regulars who are calling for the building to be saved.

The landmark pub, which is believed to have been built in the 1860s, is the subject of controversial plans which would see the building demolished and 18 flats built on the site.

A petition, which currently contains 103 signatures is asking the authority to reject the planning application and leave the pub as it is.

Regular customer Cindy Guerin, who is heading the campaign, said: "I am a local resident and was shocked to see this planning application outside of the Melson Arms public house this weekend.

"The Melson Arms has its regular trade of customers through its doors. It's a pub with tradition, history, and is seen as a landmark within Luton.

FIGHT: Customers have started a petition to save The Melson Arms



"It has a lot of character, and has many years ahead of it as it has been well maintained over the years."

She added: "We need to support these old types of public houses to stay open not close them."

"We would argue that the pub caters for local need and should remain as a public house to provide customers with a choice of varied entertainment."

"It's not much to ask really for locals to feel comfortable

and safe and have somewhere to go instead of sitting at home and becoming isolated and lonely."

A copy of the petition is currently inside the pub for those wishing to sign it.

- Luton on Sunday first revealed the planning application in a story last week. However we incorrectly stated that the pub was vacant. We would like to make it clear that The Melson Arms is trading, and is not vacant as last week's article suggested.

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## Woman assaulted by gang

Detectives are appealing for witnesses to come forward after a woman was assaulted earlier this week.

The incident happened at approximately 10.30pm on Tuesday and began in Park Street as the 26-year-old victim was walking towards Strathmore Avenue.

Three men approached her and began a conversation

before putting their arms around her.

They led the woman to a wire fence in Strathmore Avenue, which surrounds a small car park, and then indecently assaulted her.

But the 26-year-old victim shouted and managed to escape, making her way to a friend's house where she alerted Bedfordshire Police.

Detective Sergeant Katie Dounias said the force was looking for witnesses.

The suspects are in their early 20s with tanned complexions and they all spoke with a foreign accent, possibly Spanish.

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## Tattooist donates takings to Keech

A GENEROUS tattooist has raised £2,300 for Keech Hospice during a charity event.

Nick Lovene, of Far Beyond Tattoo Studio in Peel Street, Luton, managed to complete around 75 tattoos last Saturday and donated the day's takings to the local hospice.

He said: "It felt fantastic to give something back, and I was delighted that so many people supported it."

- For more pictures from the day visit [www.luton-dunstable.co.uk](http://www.luton-dunstable.co.uk).

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# Council moves to stub out smoking

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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A POLICY which will ban council employees from smoking during the working day has been approved by Luton Borough Council.

The new Smoke Free guidelines, which will come into force in October 2014, will also prevent elected members and employees from lighting up while they are out on council business.

In addition, new recruits will be required to comply

upon commencement of their employment.

As the authority has a new responsibility to improve health, it was decided that there should be an emphasis on improving health among staff as well as the public.

It is hoped that this new policy will guarantee a healthy working environment, promote general health of staff, and reduce the smoking related costs due to lost productivity through sickness absence and unrecorded smoking breaks.

In the 12 months prior to the introduction of the scheme, the Public Health and Human Resources team will carry out a programme of health promotion and support staff and elected members to stop smoking.

During consultation, concerns were raised that the guidelines would be difficult to enforce and inconsistent, but the latest proposal had the support of both the council and trade unions.

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UNVEILED: Hesley Nelson and Tolu Roche at the launch

## New garden is declared open

CLIENTS and staff at St Monica's Day Centre celebrated the opening of their new sensory garden in Luton on Thursday.

The garden was unveiled by Hesley Nelson, Luton council's resource manager for adult social care and service manager Tolu Roche. Guests celebrated with a tea party.

The project was undertaken by leading environmental regeneration charity Groundwork Luton & Bedfordshire.

# Tablet computers are future for cops

BY LAUREN ARCHELL  
[lauran.archell@lutononsunday.co.uk](mailto:lauran.archell@lutononsunday.co.uk)

**BEDFORDSHIRE** police officers will be receiving new tablet computers following approval of investment by PCC Olly Martins.

It is hoped that the new mobile devices will increase both productivity and the amount of time that is spent out on the front line.

The first stage of the investment plan will see a pilot scheme launched in September, with officers from

each of the north and south local policing teams testing the technology.

Three different devices will be tested in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire to gather feedback about which is most suitable to roll out more widely to operational policing teams.

The mobile devices would allow officers to carry out their work anywhere and would provide access to real time information as well as emails, the intranet and all

the programmes available at their desk top.

Announcing the investment plans, Police and Crime Commissioner Olly Martins said: "The intention is to better equip officers so that they can work smarter and more successfully than before, reducing costs and increasing efficiency."

"The public would much rather have officers on patrol than filling in paperwork in the office, and mobile devices will help increase visibility and make people feel safer."

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## Worries over GPS

SIR – The statement made by the Bedfordshire Police commissioner which appeared on the front page of *Luton On Sunday*, August 25, was not well thought out and created confusion around the subject.

The chief was trying to explain his view on a given subject and due to a lack of clarity in his thoughts, he failed to deliver what was perhaps part of his thinking.

It was like shooting at a moving picture and in situations of this kind, one is bound to hit and miss objects all over and create a messy picture.

That is what has happened on this occasion.

Describing the present system as a Ferrari being driven with handbrakes on actually does not help him either. To start with, you cannot drive a Ferrari with the handbrake on – it will break down immediately.

Those who legislated for the present use of GPS must have thought long and hard about it before it became the law and operational.

There has been no great hue and cry about the poor functioning of this system.

The chief obviously enjoys a position of influence and prestige – thus his statements are very important to the people of Bedfordshire, and it will be highly desirable for the future, if they are made in plain English and the objective is always kept in mind.

On the basis of what I have gathered from my chief's statement, I am confused and unable to make up my mind either way.

If some changes are desired, then they need to be explained in more efficient ways.

**Akbar Dad Khan,  
Biscot Road, Luton**

## I want to find a job

SIR – I had to write in response to hearing the news about Tesco and Next employing Polish and Bulgarians to work in their shops. I say good luck to them for working and living on state handouts.

I have been unemployed for six months and not living on payouts. I am on about twelve different websites, what use they are.

I'm finding them a waste of time unless I want to sell my house and move abroad – which I don't.

As for application forms, I've filled them in and not heard anything back. I've lost count of the number – and they wonder why there are so many unemployed. It's a disgrace.

As for the stories about hospitals and care homes, they are always short staffed.

That is how the accidents and abuse that we hear about is allowed to happen.

I think social services and the CQC should look into these problems instead of sitting on

## Our park is a 'natural wilderness'

SIR – Now all the hoo-ha has died down about the Green Flag Awards, which were exclusively given to parks in the SOUTHERN half of Luton, I would like to nominate Leagrave Park – in the NORTHERN half, for a very special award.

This one for being the best managed wilderness in Luton. It's all very well giving Green Flags to Victorian era Gardeners' World-type parks with their flower beds and clipped formal lawns.

Somewhere to take the children for a picnic and a kick-about? But mind the ball doesn't damage the roses.

In Leagrave Park, on the other hand, you will find the welcoming and relaxed informality of seven foot high cow parsley 'trees' and... well, unfortunately, not much else because they totally dominate the view.

However, they are themselves very attractive plants at this time of year, provided dirty brown all over happens to be your thing.

Dog owners are welcome to bring their pets but are strongly advised not to let them off the lead because once in among the cow parsley they may never be seen again.

A similar fate awaits young children and even adults with a poor sense of direction. Another menace is that of feral cats which lurk in this dense forest and have been known to attack even quite



NEGLECTED?: Reader Ron Turvey says Leagrave Park deserves an award

large dogs.

If you're getting on a bit and feel you may want to sit down during your 'Leagrave adventure' to gasp in wonder at the enormity and overwhelming grace of the cow parsley stalks, you are advised to bring your own seat.

There were seats, once. But, shockingly, people actually used to sit on them.

This must have annoyed 'somebody of influence' who lived within earshot so the removal men were sent in.

You may stumble upon mysterious pathways cutting through the cow parsley which all lead

to bridges crossing reed-choked damp patches. Old folk tell of a pretty river that once flowed under these bridges but that's the stuff of legend.

But did I begin by asking for an award for 'best managed'?

Although the refuse/litter guys do a fantastic job of collecting the tons of rubbish that get dumped here most nights I can't in all conscience say I've seen much evidence of the park itself being managed. Neglected, yes.

Most NATURAL wilderness then?

Ron Turvey,  
Stammore Crescent, Luton

their backsides in an office all day and waiting for their pay cheques at the end of the month.

I'm a disgusted British citizen who wants to work.  
**Name and address supplied**

## Time to take a cut

SIR – I do enjoy reading Cllr Hazel Simmons 'Leader's Column' in Lutonline, especially when she bleats on about the wonders of Luton's multiculturalism and growing population (ditto Gavin Shuker) and how she dismisses as 'silly' any survey which dares to suggest that Luton might not exactly be a marvellous, Utopian place to live and work.

Mind you, I would probably come out with the same claptrap if I received the money she gets to do it.

The latest theme was her clarion call for more volunteers to carry out council activities.

Maybe she and her senior colleagues should lead the way in 'volunteering' to take a 50 per cent cut in their allowances.

Dream on.  
**Mike Hurley,  
Bramingham**

## Well done students!

SIR – It has been a pleasure to see lots of happy young people in the news over the last two weeks, as they opened their GCSE and A Level results.

It certainly did take me back to opening those dreaded brown envelopes and the feeling of relief after seeing what was inside!

Forget about the people who say exams are getting harder or easier, whether boys are doing better or worse than girls.

I certainly don't know anyone who relishes taking an exam and all of these students deserve our congratulations.

There is no denying that times are tough, but each A level and GCSE makes the future of these young people more promising.

**Mary Rees,  
Stopley, Luton**

## Listen to petitioners

SIR – The overwhelming number of signatures received on petitions to save both Wigmore and Sundon Park libraries must be a message to the council.

Please don't ignore us!  
**Name and address supplied**

## Don't get us involved

SIR – Why don't we just keep our noses out. Here we go again, when will politicians learn?

Didn't Cameron see what happened when Blair and Bush went gung-ho with Saddam Hussein and his 'weapons of mass destruction'.

Now Cameron wants to do the same in Syria. This leader and his cohorts don't give two monkeys what other countries think about him.

It's another country, who don't like us, or anyone else come to that! If France wants to flex its muscle, then let them get on with it.

These people start up these Arab wars and then what happens? When the conflict is over, we will be sending millions if not billions of pounds in aid.

The UN is just a mouthpiece. It has no teeth.

I just wonder how the voting public will see it, what with his insistence on having a referendum on gay marriage, which didn't go well.

Now he's really in the doodah if he goes ahead with this senseless interference.

**AD Currant,  
Lime Avenue, Luton**



Your comments on the stories on our website this week:

## Debate over Busway

@ashad23: library closures, transport for elderly axed, EDL marches. But hey, at least we've got a £91m bus to Dunstable #disgraceful.

@KeirGale: the government grant for the busway was specifically for that project. Was never available for other spending.

@collyeates: How much subsidy/ongoing cost in terms of free use & taxpayer maintenance.

@Ejectfast: Hatters Way - the busway's finished but the 30mph speed limit is still in place.

@\_cashman: Can't believe they've put limestone down on the cycle path next to the unwanted Luton #busway. Now it's useless.

Edward Norton: I think it may help with the congestion of the roads around, I don't agree with the delay tactics run from the firms building it. Nor the cost.

## CCTV leads to arrests

@OfficialSaundra: More great work! Hope there's enough evidence/witnesses to prosecute all guilty suspects? #Luton.

@anthonybrown9: well done to the CCTV operators.

## Boy, 9, GCSE 'A' pass

@kylebernton: I got B at the age of 16, feel a little like a under achiever now.

@DanHeley1: Luton creates child geniuses.

## Fraudster convicted

@RobJD: £270 fine!!! Is he going to have to pay back the £18k too? I hope so!

## Our most read stories

- EDL protest passes without incident

- 'Laughing' robbers slap woman round the face and pushes her to the floor

- Schoolboy, 9, achieves A\* in his maths GCSE exam

- Luton resident convicted of £18,000 fraud

- New Hatters signing Benson could be the key for Luton Town

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And they do not always agree.

It is hard enough coping with turning right at roundabouts, keeping to the speed limit and answering the questions from my 10-year-old daughter sitting in the back.

The first three, of several hundred, were: 'Daddy, why do the French speak French?'; 'Are we nearly there yet?' and

'How are bogies made' (and personally I've often wondered why they taste so nice).

Now I have two navigators: Sally Satnav is slightly posh, a bit bossy and gets cross if I don't listen, whereas, Mrs Lowe is...

There is one advantage with Sally of course, when the two disagree, Sally: 'Turn right in 100 yards.' Mrs Lowe: 'Keep straight on.'

Sally: 'Turn right, make a u-turn, turn left at the next junction, MAKE A U-TURN ... Click.'

The trouble is she, Sally that is, is very handy when looking for your hotel in the city centre.

On the way to our destination we spent the night in Reims, pronounced Rance, and she took us to the door.

Reims by the way is a very beautiful city, beautifully maintained. Equally on the

way back we stayed overnight in Troyes, pronounced Twa, like George Osborne without the second 't', and again we found our hotel with ease.

Again Troyes is a very beautiful city, with a medieval centre, beautifully maintained and preserved.

How come the French can do it? The final night we spent in Arras, where the town centre was destroyed in the First World War, but rebuilt exactly as it had been.

As a rule I am not keen on architectural reconstruction, but it certainly looks better than most of our town centres. The roads are much better, too.

They get on with it, we just moan about it. Anyway I can happily say that the present Mrs Lowe and Sally Satnav ended up in an uneasy truce and we ended up where we were supposed to be.



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## Open day to provide advice on new 'benefit cap'

WITH the new 'benefit cap' introduced by Central Government last month beginning to bite, Luton Council is holding an open day to provide information and advice.

This event will take place at Futures House at The Moakes, Marsh Farm, Luton, on Tuesday, September 3,

from 10am-2pm. The 'benefit cap' is a limit on the total benefit working-age people can receive, and means that workless households should no longer receive more than the average earnings of working households.

Cllr Robin Harris, said: "We have been working very

hard to ensure our customers have all the help and advice they need, but we know that around 60 of 270 vulnerable people in Luton have still not contacted us to discuss how they will manage with less money." Information is also available from [www.luton.gov.uk/benefitchanges](http://www.luton.gov.uk/benefitchanges).

# Beach event is a success

BY LAUREN ARCHELL  
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HUNDREDS of people flocked to St George's Square last weekend to enjoy a touch of the seaside.

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For those who wanted to enjoy a slower pace there was also the opportunity to sit in a deck chair and relax.

The three-day extravaganza



included a mini food festival allowing visitors the chance to taste dishes from around the world.

Fans of the X Factor will have been impressed by One

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Applications are invited from people of all backgrounds as the panels are made up of lay members and those with experience in education. A lay member is a person without personal experience in the provision of education in any school (disregarding experience as a school governor or in another voluntary capacity). A member with experience in education is a person who is familiar with education conditions in the Local Education Authority's area or is a parent of a registered pupil at a school.

Training will be provided for new panel members and the Appeals Clerk will be present at all the Hearings to give legal and procedural advice. The work is unpaid but travel expenses are provided.

If you are interested in becoming a panel member, please contact Mel Peaston, Committee Services Manager at Central Bedfordshire Council on **0300 300 6076** for an application form and more information. Alternatively, please send an email to [mel.peaston@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mel.peaston@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

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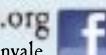
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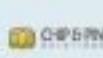
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**Child of Courage Award**

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**Best Volunteer Award**  
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This award will recognise a volunteer or volunteers of any age who have made an outstanding contribution.

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**Leisure and Culture Award**

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The judges will be looking to award an individual or organisation which has excelled and inspired either in the areas of sport, arts, leisure, culture or heritage.

**Sporting Inspiration Award**

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We are looking for an individual over the age of 18 who has either excelled at their sport and/or helped others as a positive role model.

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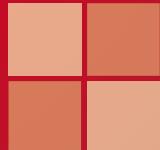
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Figures released by Duport.co.uk show that 1,069 new businesses were started in the town in the six months to

June this year, with more companies being formed than in any other half year during the history of the town.

However, the number of company closures also rose, suggesting the area has not yet fully recovered from the effects of the recession. Managing director of

Duport.co.uk, Peter Valaitis, commented: "New company formation improves the offering to visitors and residents – hopefully increasing footfall and trade. "The rise in company closures reminds us that it can be difficult to run a successful business in the current economic climate."

# Dad will run race for hospital appeal

BY LAUREN ARCHELL  
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A LUTON father is running the Love Luton half marathon to raise money for the Neonatal Unit Appeal (NICU) at the L&D hospital where his son was given life-saving treatment as a baby.

Andrew Gordon, 25, will tackle the 13.1-mile route on Sunday, October 27, to help support the unit where son Shay, pictured, was treated in the first 26 hours of his life.

Little Shay was born by emergency c-section almost 18 months ago at the L&D and had to be rushed straight through to the intensive care unit for babies where staff battled to save him when he stopped breathing.

Andrew said: "Without the care that Shay received in the L&D's NICU immediately after his birth, he would not have survived.

"Getting sponsored to run the Love Luton half marathon is my way of saying thank you to all the fantastic staff who

make miracles happen for families every single day."

To sponsor Andrew visit [www.justgiving.com/Andrew-Gordon4646](http://www.justgiving.com/Andrew-Gordon4646).

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In that time it has become a hub for 'low cost' airlines and seen the construction of a new terminal building and control tower.

During a tour of the exterior section of the airport, Martyr

Hooton, an airside worker who has been at the airport for 23 years said the increase in passengers had been one noticeable feature.

He said: "One of the biggest changes we had was extending the taxiway to allow more flights to come in. There have been other changes but the

taxis was big because it allowed for more passengers."

There are further plans by the airport to add more space on the runway as part of a wider aim to increase passenger capacity from 10 million to 18 million a year.

In a recent survey of 657 people by consumer watchdog Which, it was listed as having the lowest passenger satisfaction.

A spokesperson for the airport said it was constantly working to improve its service and already recruited 70 security staff to help cut waiting times.

**LEFT:** One of the vehicles used by airside rangers who regularly patrol the runway and other external parts of the airport  
**ABOVE RIGHT:** If the airport's expansion plans are approved by Luton Council, it will see the main terminal extended onto the road immediately outside to create more passenger capacity



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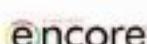
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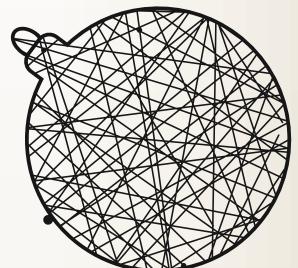
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## A chance to meet the talent who breathe life into our comic heroes

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#### NICE COMIC CONVENTION

**Bedford Corn Exchange**

Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 11am-5pm

**FOR many years I have been what you might call a 'closet geek'. To look at me you'd never know that I have watched almost every episode of Doctor Who going since the 1960s or that I snuck into a Star Wars film as a teenager so friends wouldn't make fun of me.**

What I haven't spent much time doing is flicking through the pages of comic books – though I am familiar with all the big names and have watched all of the films. Hopefully, that will change, as in just under a week Bedford will host its first comic convention.

But this convention is not like the others. Although I'm sure some fans will inevitably dress up as their favourite characters, this event is set to be a little less mainstream and will take a more personal approach to meeting those behind the scenes.

One of the 36 guests is writer and comic book artist, David Hine.



David, who is best known for his work on X-men: The 198, Spiderman and his own creation, Bulletproof Coffin, attended the first NICE convention held in Northampton by independent comic book sellers, Close Encounters, last year.

Since he was about 14 years-old David says making comics was what he wanted to do. He attended art college to learn to draw and printed his own work while there. His first printed work was for Marvel UK in the 1980s but over the last 10 years he has focused his talents on writing.

"I used to love all the English comics like 2000AD and Beano but then I started seeing the American comics in the newsagents and all the super heroes jumping out of the pages. They were very different," David says. "They had 22 glossy pages whereas the English

comics were mostly humour and very short strips of about four pages. It seemed like such a great way to make a living by writing and drawing these totally fantastic stories."

At the moment David is working on a Victor Hugo graphic novel called The Man Who Laughed but some of his career highlights include the Caped Crusader, Spawn and Storm Dogs.

"Batman was good to write for DC and for Marvel I did a re-imagining of Spiderman set in the 1930s. I really enjoyed turning an iconic character like Spiderman on its head. People really do take well to it.

"Maybe they are bored of reading the same Spiderman stories for 30 or 40 years, as some of our fans have, and enjoy having a new perspective. In this story I took his Uncle Ben and Aunt May and imagined them as being communist agitators in the 1930s."

In recent years however there has been a move away from the big superheroes of old in the comic world and more artists are turning independent and creating their own works of art.

David said: "The reason I moved away from Marvel and DC and the big corporations is because they are limited. The characters are developed as commercial properties and I wanted to do something different and more personal, and to own my own characters."

Heading back to Bedford, David is excited about having the opportunity once again to interact one-on-one with fans.

He adds: "NICE takes a very different approach, it is laid back and more about the professionals meeting the fans rather than some conventions which can be overwhelmed by product selling. I think it is great a convention is coming to a town rather than always being in the big cities."

Tickets are on sale at: <http://nicecon.co.uk>. For both days it costs £25, for one day it is £15.

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## Airport gallery to showcase work by Sue Ryder charity

### EXHIBITION

**Luton Airport**  
Open until October

PASSENGERS arriving at Luton Airport this summer will have the opportunity to learn more about the work carried out by their charity partner Sue Ryder, thanks to a new exhibition on display in the airport's Gateway Gallery.

Sue Ryder provides specialist medical care and emotional support to 16,400 people living with incurable illness every year.

Funds raised from the partnership will support Sue Ryder's specialist care centres; Stagenhoe in Hertfordshire and St John's Hospice in Bedfordshire.

Since partnering with Sue Ryder in 2012, the airport has raised over £80,000. This has been achieved through a wide variety of events and initiatives.

The latest is a charity cycle ride from the Control Tower at the airport to the Eiffel Tower in Paris this month.

Jason Suckley, director of marketing and fundraising at Sue Ryder, said: "We are proud to be London Luton Airport's charity partner.

"The Gallery exhibition is an exciting opportunity for us, offering our charity the chance to engage with airport passengers, by highlighting the quality complex care we provide to individuals with incurable illnesses, and their families, across the entire region."

The exhibition is on display until October.



## Bring on that old rock 'n' roll at the Grove

ROCK 'n' roll explodes onto the Grove Theatre stage on Friday with a non-stop celebration of the music of legendary icons Buddy Holly and 'The Killer', Jerry Lee Lewis.

Buddy and The Killer is a show packed with songs set to have you dancing in the aisles, including hits such as 'That'll Be The Day', 'Everyday', 'It's So Easy', 'Peggy Sue', 'Rave On', 'Great Balls Of Fire', 'Wild One', 'Breathless', 'Whole Lotta Shakin' and more.

The show's lead role features Billy Geraghty who will be performing at his piano as Jerry Lee and on his Fender Stratocaster as Buddy.

Billy first played the role of Buddy Holly in the West End smash hit musical Buddy. With this show he has toured Europe, Canada and Australia. He has also starred in another West End musical, Great Balls Of Fire. As well as portraying these rock 'n' roll legends, Billy has undertaken numerous acting roles in film, television and on stage.

Tickets for Buddy and The Killer are £18. Book on 01582 602080.

# Luton Mela festival is back

### FESTIVAL

**Wardown Park**  
Sunday, 12pm-7pm

**THE Luton Mela returns this year and is set to highlight the best in Asian performance and visual arts, with a host of local, national and international talent.**

As well as exceptional entertainment showcasing the culturally diverse communities of the town, the event also features funfair rides for adults and children, a children's zone with fun activities, arts, crafts, a variety of stalls and an array of food stalls.

Over the last three years Luton

Mela has grown in recognition for quality and capacity. It attracts an audience of up to 20,000 and is still growing.

Among the artists performing on the event will be Adil Hashmi, a London-based singer and songwriter in Bollywood-style music who tries to fuse urban and Asian sounds.

There will also be appearances by Bhangra artist Des-C, Hypnotize Crew and London rapper Freezy.

Dance group Ish Dance Fusion will also be performing at the event. The collective has put together a dance form which takes the best moves from styles all over the world.

They are influenced primarily by Bollywood, Bhangra, and Street Dance, but also have innovative routines that incorporate moves from

around the globe, enriched by African Dance, Salsa, Paso Doble, Sixties Swing and contemporary dance.

Zulfqar Ahmed, the chairman for the event, said: "We believe the Luton Mela belongs to the whole community.

"Luton Mela is a showcase of true cohesion, uniting the communities of Luton; our motto is to promote harmony through artistry.

"Despite this year's economic difficulties and cut backs, we have been once again supported by Luton Borough Council, local organisations and various businesses."

Admission to the event is free and you can get involved by e-mailing [info@lutonmela.com](mailto:info@lutonmela.com) for more details and information.



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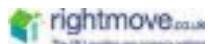


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**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER (AMENDMENT NO.7) ORDER 2013**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on 19th August 2013 Luton Borough Council, the highway authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers.

The Order will come into operation on 2nd September 2013.

The effect of the Order will be to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the following roads as specified below:

- The whole lengths of - Acorn Close; Birchens Grove; Chapel Close; Clinton Avenue; Englefield; Fair Oak Drive; Felstead Close; Felstead Way; Green Oaks; Heywood Drive; Links Way; Jasmine Close; Northview Road; Rosewood Close; St Martin's Avenue; Sunningdale; Sunset Drive; Virginia Close; Warden Hill Close; Warden Hill Gardens; Warden Hill Road; and Wenden Way.
- Putteridge Road – Even numbered side from its junction with Rochester Avenue to its junction with Wood Green Road.

A copy of the Order together with plans showing the roads and lengths of roads affected and a Statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be inspected at the Parking Shop at the Town Hall, Luton (public entrance on Gordon Street) between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that they are not within the powers contained in the above Act or any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

1st September 2013

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager  
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**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.8) ORDER 2013****THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION)**

(AMENDMENT NO.16) ORDER 2013

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (TRAFFIC REGULATION) (BUS LANES AND BUS-ONLY ROUTES) (CONSOLIDATION)**

(AMENDMENT NO.2) ORDER 2013

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on 19th August 2013 Luton Borough Council, the highway authority for the said Borough, made the above Orders under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers.

The Orders will come into operation on 2nd September 2013.

The effect of the Orders will be:

1. To revoke a length of bus lane on the near side lane of the eastbound carriageway of Dunstable Road from a point 11 metres west of the western kerb line of Maidenhall Road to a point opposite the western boundary wall of No.408 Dunstable Road.
2. To correct minor anomalies between street restrictions and the map based plans.
3. To introduce a No Waiting at Anytime restriction on Cross Street even numbered side from a point 16 metres east of the boundary of No's 4/6 Cross street eastwards for a distance of 16 metres.

Copies of the Orders, together with plans showing the roads and lengths of roads affected and a Statement of the Council's reasons for making the Orders may be inspected at the Parking Shop at the Town Hall, Luton (public entrance on Gordon Street) between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

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**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION)**

(AMENDMENT NO.17) ORDER 2013

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.9) ORDER 2013**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on 19th August 2013 Luton Borough Council, the highway authority for the said Borough, made the above Orders under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers.

The Orders will come into effect on 16th September 2013.

The above Orders extend the Park Town area Resident Parking Permit Zone and introduce:

1. an exemption to park without charge for up to 2 hours with no return within the hour in existing on street Resident Only Parking bays with the exception of bays in Queens Close which remain Resident Permit Only.
2. shared parking bays in operation Monday – Saturday 8am-6pm with maximum stay of 2 hours with no return within the hour restriction. Zone PT resident permit holders are exempt from time limit in the following roads Albert Road, Arthur Street, Bailey Street, Baker Street (between Ashton Road and Albert Road), Chase Street, Copper Street (between London Road and Ashton Road), Essex Close, Hibbert Street, Hoo Street, New Town Street, Strathmore Avenue (between New Town Street and Park Street), Strathmore Walk, Surrey Street and Tavistock Crescent.
3. no waiting restrictions in operation Monday – Saturday 8am-6pm in the following roads Albert Road, Arthur Street, Baker Street (between Ashton and Albert Road), Chase Street, Hibbert Street, Hoo Street, New Town Street, Strathmore Avenue, Strathmore Walk, Surrey Street and Tavistock Crescent.
4. additional Disabled Parking Bays in Essex Close.
5. additional qualifying addresses for Zone PT.
6. No Waiting at Anytime restrictions at various junctions.

Copies of the Orders, together with plans showing the roads and lengths of roads affected and a Statement of the Council's reasons for making the Orders may be inspected at the Parking Shop at the Town Hall, Luton (public entrance on Gordon Street) between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

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1st September 2013

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**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (LYNEHAM ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2013**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 15th September 2013 for a period of 18 months although it is anticipated work will be completed by 16th September 2013. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described in the Schedule below. Specific times and dates will be signed locally.

The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway repair works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

1st September 2013

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**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (ABIGAIL CLOSE) (TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) ORDER 2013**

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The Order will come into operation on 2nd September 2013 and will cease operation after 18 months or when the works are completed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to introduce and enforce temporary waiting restrictions on the lengths of roads as specified in the Schedules below. The temporary restrictions will be marked on street and signed accordingly in the area of roads affected.

The purpose of the Order is to provide and maintain access to River Bank Primary School temporary facilities via Abigail Close whilst the permanent building on Bath Road is under construction.

1st September 2013

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager  
Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ

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**SCHEDULE 2 – School Keep Clear**

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## FOOTBALL

### Departures more likely than arrivals on Deadline Day

JOHN Still says departures are more likely than arrivals at Luton Town as the football world prepares for Transfer Deadline Day tomorrow.

The Hatters boss is keen for transfer listed trio Scott Rendell, Lathaniel Rowe-Turner and Arnaud Mendy to find new clubs and is hopeful for some movement there, but has not ruled out the possibility of making a signing himself should the right opportunity arise.

"I'm hoping for a little bit of movement out if I'm being honest," said Still. "It would be good if they [the transfer listed players] could find something that's good for them."

"There have been little tickles [of interest] in them although there's been nothing hard and fast."

"But D-Day [Deadline Day] is arriving and when D-Day arrives people do stupid things. There can be a domino effect and if one goes, they all go."

On the possibility of new arrivals at Kenilworth Road, Still said that he wasn't keeping that close of an eye on what was happening in the market.

"I'm not actively looking every day, but if something comes up which we feel is right for us, then obviously we'll have an interest in that," he said.

"I am not unhappy with the squad that we've got, you can rush out and get someone who is wrong."

Still also dismissed rumours linking his players with moves away as 'speculation'. Striker Andre Gray has reportedly attracted interest from elsewhere but Still said no discussions had taken place about any member of his squad.

"I think in all honesty, it's been speculation," he said. "I've not had conversations in that area with anybody."

"What I've learnt over the years is that loads look, a few enquire and even fewer offer."

The loan window will remain open after Deadline Day and Hatters youngsters are expected to be sent out for first-team football at a lower level.

## FOOTBALL

### Shaw could miss out for six weeks

HATTERS striker Jon Shaw could be out for six weeks after undergoing a hernia operation.

The forward has had the procedure and will be out for an extended spell, although boss John Still is keen not to put a time-scale on his recovery.

"They say six weeks, but I've had players back in four or five weeks and I've had players back in two months," said Still.

"I don't put a timescale on it, we'll let him get back into training and then we'll see from there."

"But if you spoke to the physio he'd say five to six weeks I guess."

Shaw is not the only striker who has been in the wars for the Hatters, with Alex Wall being hit by a virus and Mark Cullen collecting a knock against Cambridge United on Bank Holiday Monday. Paul Benson has joined from Swindon.



**FOUL:** New boy Paul Benson is brought down in the box for the first Hatters penalty

# Penalty joy as Town

## FOOTBALL

### SKRILL PREMIER

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS  
LUTON TOWN

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BY TOM SHARP

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KIDDERMINSTER is often a happy hunting ground for Luton Town with six wins and a draw in their last seven visits and so it proved again as two second-half Jake Howells penalties ended the Hatters' temporary goal drought and in the process registered their first away Skrill Premier win.

Having failed to net in their previous two league contests, new signing Paul Benson drew a foul in the 69th minute from Harriers keeper Danny Lewis and Howells did the rest from the spot.

Ten minutes from time and with the hosts tiring Andre Gray was dubiously bundled over by

Josh Gowling and Howells coolly did the honours again to hand Town the points and with it a convincing 2-0 win to lift them back towards the league summit.

It has been well documented that goals have been in short supply in recent times for the Hatters after they battled to two scoreless draws in the past week against promotion rivals Forest Green Rovers and Cambridge United.

With that in mind and Luton's strike force duly mis-firing, the loan signing of Swindon Town striker Benson has come at a decent time and so it proved against Harriers as he looked a purposeful Hatters acquisition from start to finish.

The man once described by Paolo Di Canio as 'the perfect pro' was one of three changes for Town in place of the injured Jon Shaw, out for around six weeks after a hernia operation, as they looked to break their goal-scoring hoodoo.

Shaun Whalley and Mark Cullen also dropped to the bench as Still looked to adopt a more conservative 4-4-2 formation to try and secure a first league win on the road.

Harriers had made a perfect start at Aggborough having registered two 3-1 wins over Gateshead and newly-promoted Chester respectively and with Luton in such fluctuating form, the lively home faithful were optimistic of another win as the game kicked off.

However, but for an early home corner that was dealt with easily it was all Luton, minus the killer touch.

Gray's 14th-minute cross was turned behind by Josh Gowling before a Town player could get a head to it while Andy Parry put the ball into orbit from 15 yards after another move in the 24th minute.

Kidderminster's best chance of the half came as Joe Lolley, signed from Midlands

## Club set to host open day

### HOCKEY

LUTON Town Hockey Club is to open its doors to the general public and current club members next weekend.

The open day will take place on Saturday, September 7 with all invited to take part in the hockey experience and the club environment.

It doesn't matter if you've never played before, used to play, or play on a regular basis.

Young and old alike are welcome with the club hoping to encourage as many as possible to come down.

Children between the ages of five and 14 will have a session laid on between

11.45 and 1pm and there will also be a ladies session between 10.30am and 12 noon.

Afterwards, the men's first XI will be taking part in a pre-season friendly.

The club is based at Challney Girls School on Addington Way in Luton.

Refreshments are available all day and for children there are free goody bags.

Those interested in taking part should bring trainers and a non fizzy drink but all other equipment is provided.

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## Reynolds to show his ambition

### BOXING

JORDAN Reynolds is to return to action in October at the Ambition County Championships.

The Luton under 67kg fighter, a national champion, will be aiming for more honours when the competition gets under way with the opening rounds on October 12/13.

Following rounds will follow towards the end of October, with the quarter and semi-finals then taking place in November before the final showdowns in December.

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their careers at Ambition clubs, including world champions Amir Khan and David Haye.

At the London Olympics Luke Campbell and Nicola Adams, who have both trained at Ambition clubs, took home gold medals.

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Reynolds, 18, who once knocked out an opponent in under ten seconds, has already represented England and will be keen for more success. Find out more at info@ambitionuk.org.

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FULL STRETCH: The impressive Luke Guttridge lets fly

# shoot down the Harriers

Combination League side Littleton after scoring an astounding 88 goals in 83 games, smashed a 39th-minute shot from the edge of the box that required a tip wide from Mark Tyler.

Just seconds later with the continuing quick tempo, Howells should have done better when allowed space on the left-hand side of the hosts' box but he skewed his shot high and wide.

Town certainly would have been good value for a half-time lead but they plodded in at the break still on level terms.

With the game firmly in the balance and stretched from end-to-end as the match resumed, both sides pushed for the win.

Kidderminster right-back Lee Vaughan stung the palms of Tyler with a fierce drive from a corner while Town almost found an opening in the 54th minute but a last-ditch block from Chey Dunkley denied Luke Guttridge as he unleashed a venomous goal-bound shot.

Despite the fiery pace, the game had not shown many signs of need although Steve McNulty's thunderous 57th-minute challenge on Callum Gittings that hurtled the midfielder into the advertising boards certainly raised the blood pressure of the home crowd.

The Harriers' fans were to be further incensed soon after as Town finally found their touch in front of goal – albeit via the penalty spot.

Dunkley's poor back-pass evaded his goalkeeper and with Benson waiting ominously to notch what would have been a certain debut goal he was pulled down by Lewis.

Referee Kevin Johnson was in no doubt and Howells stepped up and struck the subsequent penalty hard and low to put Town ahead.

Harriers pressed for an equaliser but when referee Johnson was persuaded by his assistant into giving a second penalty for a slight trip on Gray in the 80th minute, the game was up.

Howells calmly struck the ball into the roof of the net to ensure Town would be leaving Worcestershire with all three points.

Kidderminster – Lewis; Vaughan, Gowling, Dunkley, Demetriou, Storer (Byrne, 70), Fowler, Gittings, Johnson (Jackman, 81), Lolley (Malbon, 70), Gash. Subs not used – Vaughan, Blissett.

Luton – Tyler; Henry, McNulty, Lacey, Griffiths (Martin, 90);

Smith, Parry, Guttridge; Howells, Gray, Benson (Wall, 90). Subs not used – Wall, Cullen, Justham, Martin, Whalley. Attendance – 2866 (821)



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# Nolan at the double as Town win derby day FA Cup clash

## FOOTBALL

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DUNSTABLE TOWN progressed to the next stage of the FA Cup after a 3-0 win away to neighbours Crawley Green on Friday night.

Matt Nolan netted twice in the second half, either side of Tony Burnett's header, to earn Darren Croft's side a hard-fought victory.

Nathan Frater and Lee Roache had the best of Town's early chances, but both failed to seriously test Dean Bull in the hosts' goal, only offering up tame efforts.

The longer Crawley stayed level though, the

greater they grew into the contest, with Hayden Willis and Richard Pringle standing out, the latter and Peter O'Donnell forcing the impressive Jamie Head into action.

Dunstable began the second-half better, forcing the issue, and it duly paid off. Ten minutes in, Nolan was on hand to open the scoring from close range after good play from Frater down the right-hand side.

Crawley then did well to keep The Blues at bay until the 81st minute, when Chris Marsh showed Stuart Strange a clean set of heels, and his cross was headed home by Burnett.

Nolan doubled his tally in the final minute and did so in some style. Picking the ball up

inside his own half, the forward spun and launched a strike at goal, deceiving 'keeper Bull, and sending Town into the hat for the first qualifying round of the FA Cup.

BARTON ROVERS also booked their place in the next round after romping home 4-0 at home to Ampthill Town in their Preliminary Round game yesterday. Three first-half goals effectively had the tie over by the break, in a half that saw Kyle Forster save a penalty for the hosts at 3-0.

Nat Peacock got the scoring underway after just three minutes, before Bilal Hassan atoned for an earlier miss by doubling Rovers' advantage on thirty-five minutes.

Moments later, Hassan turned provider, crossing for James Edgerley to crash home.

Barton missed a penalty of their own five minutes into the second period, but Hassan rounded off an exceptional performance with a bicycle-kick with half an hour to play.

AFC DUNSTABLE ran out 4-1 winners at home to Leverstock Green in the Spartans South Midlands Premier. Kyle Lincoln gave AFC a 19th minute lead before Adiel Mannion equalised two minutes later.

The hosts turned it on after half-time though, and goals from Courtney Massey (2) and Richard Harker sent them home with all three points, keeping them second in the table.

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# We're taking 'little steps' says Still as Hatters win



PENALTY DOUBLE: Jake Howells tucked away two spot-kicks at Kidderminster. Picture: Gareth Owen

## FOOTBALL

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LUTON Town manager John Still believes his side are not yet the "finished article" but was still thrilled with the Hatters' first away win of the Skrill Premier season.

Two coolly struck penalties from Jake Howells in the final 21 minutes sealed a 2-0 win over Kidderminster Harriers yesterday and with it gave Town a much-needed three points and a fourth clean sheet of the campaign so far.

Luton could not find a winner in their previous two games against Forest Green and Cambridge but Still thinks Town were good value for this comfortable triumph.

"We have come off the back of three big games and we have played really well in each of them," said the

Hatters boss.

"The first two we could not grind out the win but today we got the foundation right and managed to win it and I was very pleased with how we played."

"These are all little steps though. Sometimes it takes time for things to gel and we know we are not the finished article but today it all came together."

Town bossed the game for large parts and could have ensured the win long before Howells twice delivered from the penalty spot but they wasted several golden opportunities and Still knows they will have to be more clinical.

"No disrespect to Kidderminster but I thought we were in charge of the game," said Still.

"I think Mark (Tyler) only had one save to make in the first half and again only one in the second half so that was encouraging.

"We had the game by the scruff of the neck. Jakey

(Howells) should have scored either side of half time before he slotted away those penalties so we were in command of our own fate. We did enough though and it was well-deserved."

Two-goal hero Howells was as critical as his manager in the examination of his open-play shooting during the win but feels he repaid his teammates by showing no fear from twelve yards.

"The boys wanted me to take it and I think I paid them back for missing a couple of chances earlier on," said Howells.

"That miss in the first half was in my mind after that so I am over the moon I was able to make amends."

"Overall we were the better team and would have been disappointed if we had not won the game but luckily we have and I am happy it was me that scored the decisive goals."

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